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TAGS: ETRD, EINV, EAID, XP, GW

SUBJ: TONGA-BASED SHIPPING LINE

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 1512, (B) BONN 4062

1. ACCORDING TO ECONCOOPMIN, SHIPPING PROJECT REPORTED REFTEL A IS ONLY ONE OF A PATCHWORK OF SUCH PROJECTS, MOST OF WHICH MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE. IN ADDITION TO GERMAN LINE ACTIVE IN TONGA, THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM LINE HAS RECENTLY BEEN CREATED, THERE IS ALSO INTEREST ON THE PART OF A DANISH LINE, AND VARIOUS NATIONAL AID DONORS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE SHIPS AS DEVELOPMENT AID. COOPMIN BELIEVES TONGAN PENCHANT FOR TELLING EACH NEGOTIATOR WHAT HE WANTS TO HEAR IS PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFUSION THAT EXISTS.

2. COOPMIN WILL NOT COMMIT FRG TO ANY SOUTH PACIFIC SHIPPING-RELATED PROJECT UNTIL FIVE FEASIBILITY STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON DOMESTIC, REGIONAL, AND LONG DISTANCE SHIPPING, THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE  
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WORKSHOP IN SAMOA, AND MARINE TRAINING. THESE STUDIES ARE CONTRACTED WITH THE COLUMBUS LINE IN SYDNEY AND SHOULD GIVE THE COOPMIN A BASIS FOR DECISION BY END OF JULY.

3. AS AN UPDATE ON REF B, COOPMIN MENTIONED THAT FRG HAS MADE DM 2.8 MILLION COMMITMENT TO TONGA AND DM 2.5

MILLION COMMITMENT TO SAMOA, BOTH FOR AGRICULTURE-  
RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.  
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